

CHAPTER 25. No. 1.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

Ordinance
No. 8—1930.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF
VETERINARY SURGEONS.

Commencement.

[2nd June, 1939.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Ordinance.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance—

“Board” means a body (to be known as the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Board) consisting of the Senior Veterinary Officer, who shall be Chairman, and two fit and proper persons eligible to be registered under paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 6 to be from time to time appointed by the Governor;

“Register” means the Register of Veterinary Surgeons required to be kept under this Ordinance;

“veterinary surgery” means the art and science of veterinary surgery and medicine;

“secretary” means such person as may from time to time be appointed by the Board to be secretary to the Board.

Unregistered
persons not to
have title of
Veterinary
Surgeon.

3. No person shall be entitled to take or use the name or title of Veterinary Surgeon (either alone or in combination with any other word or words), or any name, title, addition or description, implying that he is registered under this Ordinance, or that he is a person specially qualified to practise veterinary surgery, unless he is registered under this Ordinance.

4. Any person, not being registered under this Ordinance, who takes or uses any such name, title, addition or description as aforesaid, or any addition to a name, designation or description, whether expressed in words, or by letters, or partly in words and partly in letters, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of ninety-six dollars.

Offences by unregistered persons.

5. No person shall be entitled to recover any fee or charge in any court for performing any veterinary operation or for giving any veterinary attendance or advice, unless he is registered under this Ordinance.

Unregistered persons not to recover fees.

6. Any person who—

Qualifications necessary for registration.

(a) is registered or entitled by law to be registered as a Veterinary Surgeon in the United Kingdom under any Act for the time being in force, or

(b) holds a certificate granted in a British possession or foreign country, for the time being recognized by the Board as furnishing a sufficient guarantee of the possession of requisite knowledge and skill for the efficient practice of veterinary surgery, or

(c) has been at the commencement of this Ordinance *bonâ fide* engaged in this Colony in the practice of veterinary surgery for a period of not less than three years,

shall, on payment of a fee of \$24, and subject to the provisions of section 8, be eligible to be registered under this Ordinance.

7. (1) The secretary shall keep a Register, in the form contained in the Schedule hereto, to be styled the Veterinary Surgeons Register, of all persons registered as Veterinary Surgeons under this Ordinance.

Keeping of Register and publication. Schedule.

(2) The secretary, in the month of February in each year, shall publish in the *Royal Gazette* a copy of the Register.

8. (1) Where any person desires to be registered under this Ordinance, he shall make application to the secretary, and shall submit such evidence as shall satisfy the Board that he is eligible to be registered under section 6 and that he is a fit and proper person to be so registered.

Registration of persons in Veterinary Surgeons Register.

(2) The secretary shall forthwith lay such application before the Board, and the Board, if satisfied that such person is eligible and is a fit and proper person to be registered, shall direct the secretary to register such person.

(3) The secretary shall thereupon register such person and publish notice thereof in the *Royal Gazette*.

(4) If the Board decline to direct the secretary to register any person who applies to be registered, such person may appeal to the Governor, and, if it be made to appear to the Governor that such person is entitled to be registered under this Ordinance, the Governor may direct that such person shall be so registered.

Evidence of registration.

9. A copy of the Register for the time being published in the *Royal Gazette* in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 7, shall be evidence in all cases (until the contrary be made to appear) that the persons therein specified are registered under this Ordinance, and the absence of the name of any person from such copy shall be evidence (until the contrary be made to appear) that such person is not registered under this Ordinance: Provided that in the case of a person whose name does not appear in such copy, a certified copy under the hand of the secretary of the entry of the name of such person in the Register, shall be evidence that such person is registered under this Ordinance.

Erasing name from Register of Veterinary Surgeon guilty of crime or disgraceful conduct.

10. If any Veterinary Surgeon registered under this Ordinance is convicted of felony or misdemeanor before the Supreme Court or, after due inquiry, is adjudged by the Board to have been guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct in any professional respect, the Board, with the sanction of the Governor, may cause the name of such Veterinary Surgeon to be erased from the Register.

Name may be restored to Register.

11. If the Board thinks fit, it may in any case, with the sanction of the Governor, direct any name erased from the Register to be restored thereon on the payment of such fee, not exceeding the registration fee, as the Board may fix.

Correction of Register.

12. (1) The secretary shall from time to time insert in the Register any alteration which may come to his knowledge in the name or address of any person registered.

(2) The secretary shall erase from the Register the name of every deceased person.

(3) The secretary may erase from the Register the name of a person who has ceased to practise or who has been continually absent from the Colony for the space of three years: Provided that any person whose name has been so erased, shall, on resuming practice or returning to the Colony, be entitled to have his name restored to the Register without the payment of any fee.

(4) In the execution of his duties, the secretary shall act on such evidence as in each case appears sufficient.

13. Every person who wilfully procures or attempts to procure himself to be registered under this Ordinance, by making or producing or causing to be made or produced, any false or fraudulent representation or declaration, either verbally or in writing, and every person aiding or assisting him therein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine of four hundred and eighty dollars or to imprisonment for twelve months.

Penalty for obtaining registration by false representations.

THE SCHEDULE.

Form of Veterinary Surgeons Register.

(Section 7.)

Name.	Residence.	Qualification.	Date of Registration.